



***Message from His Worship
Mayor Stephen Mandel***



On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, Alberta's Capital City, I congratulate the Alberta Lebanese Directory for the release of its 2009 print edition.

The Lebanese community is an essential part of Edmonton's culture. More than 8,000 Canadians of Lebanese ethnicity call Edmonton home, contributing their skills, commerce and heritage to our economy and cultural mosaic. The Alberta Lebanese Directory celebrates this diversity, bringing together people from inside and outside the Lebanese community to experience everything it has to offer.

It is a user-friendly tool for Albertans of all ethnicities to learn about Lebanese culture. At the same time it keeps the Lebanese community bonded together and helps maintain vital family ties to relatives in Lebanon. Such initiatives are essential to keeping Arabic culture thriving and Edmonton's multicultural character strong and growing.

I applaud the Alberta Lebanese Directory for continuing entrepreneurship, and wish you the very best success. Mabrouk!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Mandel".

Stephen Mandel
Mayor